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SUBJECT: PROGRESS ON AGREEMENTS WITH HAITI

1. FONSEC GOMZ BERGES PUBLICLY ANNOUNCED YESTERDAY THAT AGREEMENT HAD BEEN REACHED BETWEEN GODR AND HAITIAN DELEGATION ON TWO ACCORDS--ONE ON COMMERCE AND OTHER ON TRANSPORT--AND THAT AGREEMENT ON PAYMENTS ACCORD WAS EXPECTED TO BE REACHED TODAY. ACCORDS ARE EXPECTED TO BE SIGNED "SOON" BUT NO DATE HAS YET BEEN SET. ACCORDING TO PRESS, COMMERCIAL AGREEMENT ESTABLISHES LIST OF PRODUCTS TO BE TRADED BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES AND PROVIDES FOR PROGRESSIVE LIBERALIZATION OF TARIFFS; AND TRANSPORT AGREEMENT PROVIDES FOR MECHANISMS TO FACILITATE GROUND, SEA AND AIR TRANSPORT OF COMMERCE BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. NO OTHER DETAILS MADE PUBLIC.

2. HAITIAN DELEGATION IS LED BY SECSTATE OF COMMERCE SERGE FOURCAND AND AMBASSADOR VINCENT. GODR IS REPRESENTED BY FONSEC GOMEZ BERGES, SECSTATE OF COMMERCE VILLANUEVA AND AMBASSADOR TO HAITI ADRIANO VALDEZ AND BY CEDOPEX DIRGEN PERICHE WHO WAS MEMBER ORIGINAL GODR TEAM FORMED THREE YEARS AGO TO NEGOTIATE THESE AGREEMENTS.

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3. GOMEX BERGES ALSO VOLUNTEERED THAT GODR WAS INTERESTED

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IN HEARING ABOUT HAITI'S BAUXITE EXPLOITATION EXPERIENCE. HE RECALLED THAT GODR HAD APPLIED FOR MEMBERSHIP IN BAUXITE PRODUCERS ASSOCIATION. MINISTER FOURCAND TOLD PRESS THAT HAITI WOULD FULLY SUPPORT DOMINICAN APPLICATION.

4. COMMENT: IN LIGHT OF SNAIL'S PACE OF THESE NEGOTIATIONS AND TROUBLED HISTORY OF HAITIAN-DOMINICAN RELATIONS, ANNOUNCEMENT ON ACCORDS COMES AS WELCOME DEVELOPMENT FOR STABILITY OF HISPANIOLA. IT SHOULD ALSO BESOURCE OF PARTICULAR SATISFACTION FOR AMBASSADOR ISHAM, WHOSE VISIT HERE UNDOUBTEDLY ADVANCED THE COURSE OF THE NEGOTIATIONS.
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